

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1 - 44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

(C) a determiner adapted to ~~send an inquiry to a network in order~~ to determine a presence or an absence of a printer selected by a user connected to the network by sending an inquiry;

an inquirer inquiry circuit adapted to make an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network ~~if said determiner determines the presence of the printer connected by sending the inquiry about the printer language to the network~~; and

a receiver adapted to receive information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry about the printer language,

said inquiry circuit and receiver being activated in response to selection of a printer.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

Claim 47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (currently amended): An information processing method comprising
the steps of:

~~sending an inquiry to a network in order to determine~~ determining a presence
or an absence of a printer selected by a user connected to the network by sending an inquiry;

making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the
printer connected to the network ~~if said determining step determines the presence of the printer~~
~~connected by sending the inquiry about the printer language~~ to the network; and

receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer,
wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry about the
printer language,

said steps of making an inquiry and of receiving information being performed
in response to selection of the printer.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The method according to claim 48, wherein
said determining step determines includes determining a presence or an absence of a new printer
connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the
network.

Claim 50 (canceled)

Claim 51 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium [[for]]
storing a program for implementing an information processing method, the program comprising:

code for sending an inquiry to a network in order to determine determining a
presence or an absence of a printer selected by user connected to the network;

code for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to
the printer connected to the network if said code for determining determines the presence of the
printer connected by sending the inquiry about the printer language to the network; and

code for receiving information about the printer language supported by the
printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry
about the printer language.

said code for making an inquiry and for receiving information being performed
in response to selection of the printer.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
said code for determining determines includes code for determining a presence or an absence of a
new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base
information to the network.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
the program further comprises code for displaying on a display a message indicating that the
printer language supported by the printer is unidentifiable if execution of said code for receiving
does not receive result in the information about the printer language supported by the printer
being received.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45,

wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the printer can interpret the print data.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines includes determining the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

Claim 59 (currently amended): The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines includes determining the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48, wherein
the printer language is used to represent a print job.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48, wherein
print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the
printer can interpret the print data.

Claim 62 (currently amended): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
said code for determining determines includes code for determining the presence or the absence
of the printer connected to the network periodically.
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Claim 63 (currently amended): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
said code for determining determines includes code for determining the presence or the absence
of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 64 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
the printer language is used to represent a print job.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51, wherein
print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the
printer can interpret the print data.